

Senate Resolution 1402

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Rhonda M. Medows; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Rhonda M. Medows has long been recognized by the citizens of this state  
3 for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the  
4 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Medows has diligently and conscientiously devoted her time, talents, and  
6 energy to Georgia's Department of Community Health as commissioner since 2005, leading  
7 a \$12 billion agency responsible for the purchasing, planning, and regulation of health care  
8 for over 2.3 million Georgians; and

9 WHEREAS, she has demonstrated an unyielding and constant commitment to improving the  
10 health care delivery systems of Georgia and the health outcomes of health care consumers;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Medows graduated from Cornell University, earned a medical degree from  
13 Morehouse College of Medicine, completed a family medicine residency at University  
14 Hospital at Stony Brook, and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, prior to her appointment as commissioner, Dr. Medows served as the first Chief  
17 Medical Officer for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Region IV Office,  
18 serving eight southeastern states and providing essential day-to-day functions for Medicare,  
19 Medicaid, and the State Children's Health Insurance Program; and

20 WHEREAS, a board certified family physician, Dr. Medows has served as an assistant  
21 professor at Florida State University and the University of Florida and practiced medicine  
22 at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida; and

23 WHEREAS, she has served as Secretary for the State of Florida's Agency for Health Care  
24 Administration, Corporate Medical Director for Blue Cross Blue Shield in Florida, Chief  
25 Medical Officer for a multistate disease management company, and clinical director of a  
26 large pharmaceutical company; and

27 WHEREAS, her significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable patience  
28 and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of  
29 this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of  
31 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
33 commend Dr. Rhonda M. Medows for her efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public  
34 service to the State of Georgia and her diligent leadership in the field of medicine and health  
35 care.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Rhonda M. Medows.